



**The Wildlands Conservation Trust (WILDTRUST) invites applications for:
iSimangaliso Project Site Community Manager | WILDOCEANS**
KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa – NPO Sector

WILDOCEANS Programme: WILDTRUST (<https://wildtrust.co.za/>) is a South African not-for-profit, public benefit, non-governmental organisation, with a vision of “a thriving and resilient world” and implements its work through 2 programmes: WILDLANDS (focused on terrestrial systems) and WILDOCEANS (focused on marine systems). The primary interlinked goals of WILDOCEANS to deliver impact towards a thriving resilient world are to: 1) protect and restore marine and coastal biodiversity, and 2) build resilience for coastal communities. Strategic cross-cutting elements to enhance sustainability and impact, underpin our work: future leader development, youth support, science and knowledge generation, support to decision-makers and management authorities, coastal community support, ocean awareness and communication, and advocacy and campaigning.

We are seeking a passionate, dynamic, and results-driven **Project Site Community Manager** to join our team, to manage stakeholder relationships, community engagement activities, communication channels, local concerns or grievances, and the project’s social impact within the surrounding community for the duration of the project. The ideal candidate should possess strong communication and interpersonal skills, coupled with a commitment to excellence and productivity.

KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS:

The candidate will report to the Project Manager, and the Project Site Community Manager will be responsible for:

- Co-ordinating and implementing the aspects of the iSimangaliso Marine Protected Area (MPA) Ecosystem based Adaptation (EbA) project in iSimangaliso and surrounding communities, related to the aspects of the project aimed at delivering benefits to local communities living in and around the iSimangaliso Wetland Park and creating awareness about the ocean and the need for conservation to underpin benefits from natural resources.
- The establishment and running of community hubs, supporting local community involvement in monitoring and survey activities, planning, and facilitating learning workshops & community awareness days, facilitation of community monitoring activities, providing skills training and mentorship in development of small enterprises, and mentoring youth to be active custodians of the environment.
- Engaging with the community leadership structures and park authorities manage staff, keep accurate and up to date records and provide regular (weekly, monthly and annual) reports as required by the Project Manager.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Masters’ Degree or equivalent level Diploma in a field relevant to marine ecology/conservation, environmental management/education, community development or small business development.
- Minimum of 5 years’ experience working with communities, implementing field-based conservation or development projects or a similar role will be required, as well as experience with staff supervision and management of implementation of activities according to a Work-Plan.
- The candidate must be a team-player, passionate about working with youth, empowering communities, and about the custodianship of the natural environment.
- Outstanding communication and people skills, proficiency in IsiZulu.
- Ability to work under pressure meeting deadlines and able to respond effectively to changing priorities, excellent organizational and multitasking ability.
- Excellent administrative, technical, communication, financial management, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, and coordination skills, as well as a good grasp of all Microsoft office software, especially Excel.
- A driver’s license is imperative with experience in driving a 4x4 an advantage.
- The candidate must be willing to work away from home regularly, travel on rough roads, into remote areas and to stay in basic accommodation, that requires self-sufficiency and self-catering.

TO APPLY:

Submit a covering letter with a 2-3 page CV, and at least 3 references to wildoceansapplications@wildtrust.co.za by **07 October 2026**. Certificates must be available on request but not included in the original application. The WILDTRUST reserves the right to vary the requirements, or conditions, and not to fill these positions. Should you not receive a response within a month after the closing application date, kindly consider your application unsuccessful. We offer competitive salaries based on qualifications and experience.

Disclaimer: WILDTRUST employees are not authorized to request payment from prospective candidates for recruitment purposes. Any such payment requests should be reported immediately to the Ethics hotline 0800 828 688.